Wild Life Tourism Projects in Orissa

2362. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ :
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Wild Life Tourism Projects which have been sanctioned till now from the inception of the National Policy 2002 in Orissa;

(b) the quantum of funds which have been allocated for these projects till date, project-wise; and

(c) what are the achievements made after the sanctioning of the Wild Life Tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with them every year under the schemes Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure & Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects.

The details of projects sanctioned for development of tourism in Orissa during the Tenth Plan are given in the Statement.

Statement

Projects sanctioned to the state of Orissa during the Tenth Five Year Plan

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1	2	3	4
2002-03			
1.	Rural Tourism Project at Raghurajpur (Distt. Puri)	50.00	40.00
2.	Computerization of offices	7.50	3.75
	2003-04		
1.	Development of Puri as a Tourist Destination	394.55	118.00
	2004-05		
1.	Development of Peace Park and Amphitheater at Dhauli (Distt. Khurda)	488.51	391.00

1	2	3	4
2.	Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa	740.67	592.52
3.	Rural Tourism Development of village Pipli (Distt. Puri) (Hardware)	50.00	40.00
4.	GOI-UNDP Endogenour Tourism Project at village Pipli in Puri Distt. (software)	20.00	16.00
5.	Rural Tourism Development of Village Raghurajpur in Puri Distt. (Software)	20.00	17.60
	2005-06		
1	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	331.43	265.14
2.	Development of Sakhi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	294.04	235.23
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt Ganjam as Tourist Destination	500.00	400.00
4.	Integrated Development of Tourism Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dauli-Puri-Konark	720.09	576.07**
5.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching (Distt. Mayurbhanj)	50.00	40.00

**Funds are being released.

Construction of low budget hotels

2363. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 155 star hotels are coming up across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action plan of Government to construct low-budget hotels, which would be within the reach of a common tourist; and

(d) the details of hotels that would come up in Orissa to meet the increased demand of tourists in that State?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Construction of hotels is primarily a private sector activity.